



Little Hands Linton Newsletter January 2019



Happy New Year. Welcome back to the 1st half of our Spring term. We hope you have enjoyed the holiday period.

Staffing

As Julia has now left and is returning to nursing we have employed a new member of staff Lee McCormack.

Themes

The Three Little Pigs – we will read/re-enact the story, carry out craft activities and make large pig houses. This activity will then lead in to Chinese New Year which is year of the pig.

Chinese New Year – We will look at what occurs, the story behind the naming of the animals, carry out craft activities, count animals from the story and do some dancing to Chinese music.

Staying Safe

We will be discussing PANTS. It is line with the NSPCC ideas on the ‘underwear rule’. It teaches children that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no and that they should tell an adult if they’re upset or worried. We will cover this by reading stories and incorporating craft activities. If you have any questions/concerns you are welcome to talk to Mandy. Information is available for parents at www.nspcc.org.uk.

Activities to do at home

Sharing the 3 Little Pigs Story

Counting activities

Looking at different types of houses whilst out and about

Term Dates

Spring term 1 ends: Friday 15th February

Half Term/Holiday Club: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

Spring term 2 starts: Monday 25th February

Spring term 2 ends: Friday 5th April

Summer term 1 starts: Monday 16th April

Holiday Club form

I am attaching the holiday club form for February half term. The form must be returned by **Monday the 14th January**

Summer Term Sessions

If you are thinking of increasing any sessions for your child in the Summer term, please let Mandy know as soon as possible in writing as we will need to increase staff hours to accommodate increases.

Winter Weather

If we have severe weather, then Mandy or Caroline will send an email to parents to see if they are bringing their child to nursery by 7am. This will give us the opportunity to assess the situation and allow staff the opportunity to remain at home rather than struggling in. We will, of course, remain open if at all possible for parents.

In the colder weather please send your child to nursery with appropriate coat, hat, scarf, gloves and wellies **with them all named**, thank you.

Drop off/Pick up times

Please can we remind parents that bookings are made by the hour, therefore children need to be dropped off/ collected at the time of the hour booked. Whilst we are staffed well staff have various start/finishing times, if children are not left/collected at the correct time this can impact on child/staff ratios.

Involvement

Parents/Carers are always welcome at Little Hands to join in part or all of a session. If you have a particular skill or interest that you would like to share with the children then please speak to Mandy or Caroline to organise a visit.

Illness

Please can we remind parents that your child should not be attending nursery if you have had to give them Calpol or other fever reducing medicine. They will not be well enough to cope with a session.

Notes from Parent/Carer in Bag

We do not normally look in children's bags. If you send information or replies in then please hand them to a member of staff or, if another adult is bringing your child in then ask them to give any notes, etc to staff.

Make Up Sessions

Due to the increase in children numbers both morning and afternoon the availability of make-up sessions for children who have been ill may not be as easy as the previous term, we will try to accommodate where we can.

Milk bottle tops

Mandy has someone who collects the plastic tops off milk bottle cartons for Arthur Rank. Please feel free to bring the tops in and she will pass on.

Children's Admission Details

Please give Mandy any updates to your child's details, particularly health details and contact number details if they have changed since you completed your child's admission form.

Sharing packs

In nursery we have a variety of packs available for parents and carers to borrow when needed these include: arrival of a new baby, moving house, going to sleep, toilet training, going to school and bereavement. If you wish to borrow these please ask Mandy or Caroline.

Mandy, Caroline, Jill, Amy, Zack, Linda, Rob and Lee

Contact details:

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February 2019 Holiday Club Booking form

Dear Parents/Carers, please could you indicate the hours you require (bookings made on the hour please) on the corresponding days e.g. 8am – 6pm, 9am – 3pm etc. A hot meal is served at 4.15pm. Thank you.

Mon 18 th Feb	
Tues 19 th Feb	
Wed 20 th Feb	
Thurs 21 st Feb	
Fri 22 nd Feb	

Child(ren) Name (s):.....

Please could forms be returned by **Monday 14th January** so that staffing can be organised. If you require a paper copy please ask. If returning by email please email to lh-bartlow@btconnect.com

Thank you.